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# STATE OF DELAWARE BOARD OF CHARITABLE GAMING

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MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF CHARITABLE GAMING

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: November 29, 2017

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Francis Gant, Delaware Firefighters Association Member, Chair Jay Mervine, Public Member, Vice-Chair James Ascione, Public Member (arrived at 10:02 a.m.) Richard MacDonald, State Lottery Office Member

## **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Janet Williams-Coger, Non-Profit Member

## **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Jean Betley, License Investigator III Meredith Hurley, Administrative Specialist II Kevin Maloney, Deputy Attorney General Megan Miller, License Investigator II Eric Rauch, Gaming Inspector

#### **PUBLIC PRESENT**

Bonnie Howell, Elks Phyllis Edwards, Holy Angels Evan Park, U of D Kim McDade, U of D

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Gant called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

# CONDUCT DELIBERATIONS FROM PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BOARD'S RULES AND REGULATIONS

Ms. Howell posed a question to the Board regarding the changes to "cookie jar" and if there should be clarification that just one jar can be won per night.

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After discussion, the Board agreed that the language in the rules and regulations is in the singular and should be read as such.

The Board held their deliberations from the September 27, 2017 public hearing regarding the proposed amendments to the Board's rules and regulations. There were no additional written comments received. Mr. MacDonald moved, seconded by Mr. Mervine, to accept the proposed amendments as previously published. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Maloney presented the Order for Board member signatures.

## **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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Mr. Mervine moved, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to approve the September 27, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

PAWS for People

#### Ratification of Bingo Event Permits Issued

Mr. Ascione moved, seconded by Mr. Mervine, to ratify the following bingo permit events listed below. The motion carried unanimously.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society Immaculate Heart of Mary School Sgt. William Lloyd Nelson VFW Post 3792 Bowers Fire Company Lakeside Community Homeowners Association, Inc. **Everett Meredith Middle School PTA** Ladies Auxiliary to the Delaware City Fire Company Seaford Elks Lodge #2458 Lewes Senior Citizens Center Inc Aetna Hose Hook & Ladder Company of Newark Delaware Mill Creek Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary St. Helena R.C. Church Harrington Senior Center Cape Henlopen Senior Center, Inc. Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church Ladies Auxiliary Good Will Fire Company Camden-Wyoming Fire Company, Inc.

### Ratification of Charitable Gaming Event Permits Issued

Mr. Mervine moved, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to approve the charitable gaming permit events listed below. The motion carried unanimously.

Newark Elks Lodge #2281 Cape Henlopen Elks Lodge #2540 Long Neck AmVets Ladies Auxiliary #22 Board of Charitable Gaming Meeting Minutes – October 25, 2017 Page 3

VFW Post 7447
Sons of AmVets Post 22
AmVets Post 2 Ladies Auxiliary
Sussex County Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary #4528
St. Mary Magdalen School

## Review of Applications for Raffle Events

Mr. Mervine moved, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to approve the raffle events listed below with a contingency placed on the application for the University of Delaware to correct the total prize amount and to include the description of the prizes in the addendum. The motion carried unanimously.

St. Edmond's Academy
United Cerebral Palsy of Delaware, Inc.
University of Delaware

## Update on AmVets Post 2 Superior Court Appeal

Mr. Maloney briefed the Board on the outcome of the Superior Court Appeal with AmVets Post 2. The Superior Court affirmed the Board's decision meaning the Board Order is now in effect.

## Review of Application for Charitable Gaming

Mr. Ascione moved, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to table the application submitted by AmVets Post 2 until they have complied with the Board Order. The motion carried unanimously.

## Complaint Updates

Complaint #22-01-17 has been dismissed by the Attorney General for prosecutorial discretion.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Edwards read her letter to the Board regarding 50/50 raffles. Her concern is with the addendum on a raffle application and how the organization has to write a maximum prize value. She stated that this does not make it a true 50/50 if they have to cap the prize leading to less net profit for their organization.

- Mr. Maloney advised that 2.0 of the regulations governing raffles states there are disclosures that need to be followed including a full and fair description of the prize. He also stated the addendum has to show the maximum cash value that could potentially be won.
- Mr. Rauch stated his concern with 50/50 raffles falling under the raffle requirements considering the new technology that can increase ticket sales.
- Mr. MacDonald stated that the only way to stay true to the maximum prize value is to cap the ticket sales.
- Mr. Maloney advised that the organizations will need to fully describe the game they are playing and be vigilant with record keeping.

The discussion satisfied Ms. Edwards' questions regarding the raffle application process.

### OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

There was no other business before the Board.

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### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Edwards thanked the Board for their service.

Ms. Howell stated that the Board has always been very helpful at the meetings along with the DAG to the Board. She also stated how helpful the gaming inspectors have been to the organizations out in the field.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled Board meeting is Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., Conference Room B, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building, Dover, Delaware.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Mervine moved, seconded by Mr. Ascione, to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Meredith Hurley Administrative Specialist II